

PRIORITIZATION

Program prioritization to be implemented by SLRP, Curriculum Committee

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"First of all the college is bound to keep all majors that we have and make sure that if students are enrolled in majors they get to finish," said Israel. "Just because a program is a low priority for enhancement resources, does not mean it's a low priority for the college."

The APP report and recommendations will be submitted to the College's Strategic Long Range Planning Committee and Curriculum Subcommittee for implementation.

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the APP recommended the merger of some programs, however the SLRP will have to analyze the recommendations for future action."

Israel said that the president and board of trustees will have the final say of how the plan will be implemented by the college.

President and Professor of Political

Science Kent Chabotar said in a released statement that implementation of the initiative would improve the academic reputation of the college.

"It signifies an effort to make choices, focus resources and attention, and achieve distinction in specific programs," said Chabotar.

Israel agreed with Chabotar and said at the end of the day the decisions made are for sustaining the college.

"Whatever we do at Guilford should be for the benefit of our students," said Israel. "Not just to promote our own interests, careers, and disciplines; if this is not the best thing for our students now at Guilford, we should do what's best for our students."

COACH

Two months after Kiesel departure, Rusiewicz signs on as football head coach

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"We were looking for a good person," said Athletic Director Tom Palombo, who was also on the committee. "Not someone with head coaching experience, just a good guy who will recruit great young men to become members of Guilford College."

Fetrow clarified Palombo's statement, saying they wanted someone who would be excited about having their first head coaching job.

The committee received over 200 completed resumés, according to Palombo. From that, they narrowed down the search to three finalists who visited campus and participated in open forums during finals week.

The finalists were also interviewed by President and Professor of Political Science Kent Chabotar.

"We were looking for someone with an emphasis more off the field than on it," Chabotar said. "There should be an emphasis on connecting to the community, retention rates, graduation rates, and winning games — in that order."

Chabotar also stressed the importance of being competitive.

"(Being competitive) means that on any given day, we can win," Chabotar said. "It's the same in my class: any student can come into my class and get an A. Now, not everyone is going to get an A, and we're not always going to win. But the idea that it's possible is important."

During his visit to campus Rusiewicz impressed the committee.

"Chris had an authenticity about him," said David Heggie '99, who served on the committee. "He showed that he really cared about developing his players not only as football players, but as young men. He seemed like a great teacher about life, football, and academics."

Rusiewicz also walked away from the process impressed.

"I thought the selection process here was very positive," Rusiewicz said. "I wasn't uncomfortable in terms of the way they treated me. They accepted me, I felt they were prepared, and they knew what they wanted."

The committee offered Rusiewicz the job soon after the finalists made their visits.

During his first semester at Guilford, Rusiewicz has many expectations to live up to.

"I expect Chris to turn this into a program we can all be proud of," Palombo said. "He'll get the players to represent Guilford with class and integrity. He'll get them to do well in class, in the community, and then on the football field. It's not just about winning and losing. He gets that."

"I think Chris will be able to bring out the passion for football that these guys have," said junior and political science major Rachael Travis, who was the committee's student representative.

"I also believe that Chris will be a person that students recognize when they see him around campus. I expect him to be a real presence on this campus as well as on the football field."

With these expectations in mind, Rusiewicz has set his goals to focus on increasing the team's average GPA, community service, and winning against Greensboro College.

"(At Ursinus) we started to win and show our faces," Rusiewicz said. "We got involved in things other than just football. People started to support us during good and bad times and became proud of us."

During his first week at Guilford, Rusiewicz talked to the players about his goals and expectations.

"He stressed the balance between life, academics, and sports," said sophomore offensive lineman Donte' Mitchell. "And wanted us to understand that those things came (respectively) first, second, and third."

Mitchell came away from his first encounter with Rusiewicz with a positive impression.

"He seems very truthful and honest," Mitchell said. "That's good, because if there's no trust, then there's no need to have any relationship."

However, people do not expect Rusiewicz's tenure at Guilford to be without challenges.

"I think he's coming into a really hostile atmosphere when it comes to the Guilford student body and football," Travis said. "I think that it will be really hard for him to change the current attitude about Guilford football, but I think he's up for it."

COMMUNITY SENATE UPDATE

UPCOMING

(Jan. 26 meeting)

Presenting the Community Center renovation plan (student concert area)

Suggestions to change the athletics mascot, "the Quaker man"

Social Honor Code

Smoking Policy

IN PROGRESS

Community Senate agenda for Spring 2011

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Wednesday from 7-8 p.m.,

men lounge, Founders Hall